

IN THE CLAIMS

1 (Currently Amended). A method comprising:
receiving, at an Internet service provider, a request from a client device for Internet service; and
downloading provisioning data to the client device to enable the client device to receive an Internet service from said Internet service provider; and
automatically providing said client device with an Internet protocol address.

2 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 1 further comprising:
authenticating the client device; and
the downloading being conditioned upon the authenticating.

3 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 2 further comprising:
sending out-of-band data to a user of the client device prior to receiving the connection.

Claims 4-9 (Canceled).

10 (Currently Amended). A processor-based system comprising:
a provisioning server to enable said system to respond to a client request with information the client needs to make an initial connection to the server; and
an address server to automatically provide Internet protocol addresses, said address server coupled to said provisioning server.

11 (Previously Presented). The system of claim 10 including a static address server.

12 (Previously Presented). The system of claim 10 including a dynamic address server.

13 (New). The system of claim 10 including an out-of-band communication interface.